

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-6, and add claims 7-12 as set forth below:

1. (CANCELED).
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6. (CANCELED).
7. (NEW) An industrial multilayer fabric comprising an upper surface side layer, a running surface side layer and a ground yarn knotting yarn that connects the upper surface side layer and the running surface side layer;
wherein the upper surface side layer comprises upper surface side warps and upper surface side wefts;
wherein, each of the upper surface side warps passes over two continuous upper surface side wefts forming an upper surface of the upper surface side layer and then passes under three continuous upper surface side wefts in a repeating unit; and
wherein the ground yarn knotting yarn forms a part of the upper surface.
8. (NEW) The industrial multilayer fabric according to claim 7, wherein the ground yarn knotting yarn is a warp ground yarn knotting yarn, and some or all of the upper surface side warps are the warp ground yarn knotting yarns in the repeating unit.
9. (NEW) The industrial multilayer fabric according to claim 7, wherein the running surface side layer comprises running surface side warps and running surface side wefts;
wherein the ground yarn knotting yarn is a warp ground yarn knotting yarn that passes over two continuous upper surface side wefts and then passes under three continuous upper surface side wefts in a repeating unit; and wherein the warp ground yarn knotting yarn passes under one of the running surface side wefts while the warp ground yarn knotting yarn passes under the three continuous upper surface side wefts in the repeating unit.

10. (NEW) The industrial multilayer fabric according to claim 9, wherein the warp ground yarn knotting yarn passes under the running surface side weft at a position where a running surface side warp passes under the running surface side weft.

11. (NEW) The industrial multilayer fabric according to any one of claims 7 to 10, wherein the ground yarn knotting yarn is one of a pair of auxiliary weft knotting yarns disposed between two adjacent surface side wefts and two adjacent running surface side wefts, each of the pair of auxiliary weft knotting yarns alternately appears on the upper surface of the upper surface side layer; and

wherein each of the pair of the auxiliary weft knotting yarns does not pass over the upper surface side warp at a portion where the upper surface side warp or the warp ground yarn knotting yarn passes over two upper surface side wefts.

12. (NEW) The industrial multilayer fabric according to claim 11, wherein the ground yarn knotting yarn includes the warp ground yarn knotting yarn and the auxiliary weft knotting yarn.